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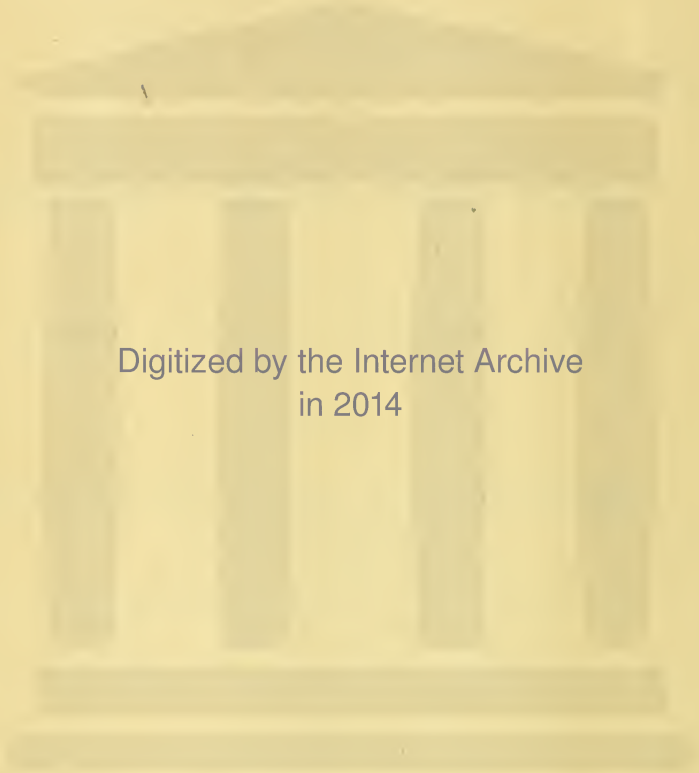

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C. T. Simmons.
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S. M. Stedman.
W. H. Hadley.
W. F. McKee.
G. W. Murphy (No. 1)
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A. A. Steele.
J. A. Cole.
G. W. Steele.
W. O. Cameron.
C. T. Tharrington.
W. D. Drake.
J. A. Daniels.
M. H. Barnes.
C. J. Covington, (Transferred)
Henry D. Tillman.
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J. H. Hagans.
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J. Z. Siler.
N. A. Alston.
Geo. F. Gibson.
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S. A. Murphy.
A. A. Johnson.
Wm. C. DeBerry, A. B., B. D.
Geo. L. Moore.
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W. W. Long.
John Murchisor.
M. G. Gaines.
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W. H. Coletrane.
B. J. Pratt.
P. J. Jones.
S. J. Wall.
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A. T. McNeill.
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J. W. Levy.
R. G. Cannady.

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A. E. Quick.
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T. A. Purcell.
T. L. Cannon.
T. C. Marsh.
J. N. Hodges.
S. L. McClinneghan.
Joseph Gainey.
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David Sawyer.
A. J. Barber.
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G. W. Farrior, Raleigh District.

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Rev. M. G. Gaines, Broadway, N. C.
Rev. H. T. Green, Glendon, N. C.

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A. D. Bland.
J. N. Hodges.
W. C. Mitchell.
W. J. Green.
J. B. Watson.

In Third Year's Studies.

E. G. McLean.
A. E. Quick.
D. Sawyer.
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Mrs. L. A. Murchison.
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T. C. Marsh.
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Joseph Gainey.
John J. McNeill.
W. S. McIver.
J. A. Siler.
J. M. McNeill.
G. D. Patterson.
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Thos. J. Harrington.
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Mrs. Mary L. Mitchell, 522 Russell St., Fayetteville, N. C.
Mrs. Harriet Smith, Southern Pines, N. C.
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_____ Supt. of Sunday Schools.
_____Pres. of the V. C. E. Union.
_____ Pres. of Conference Workers.
_____ Sec. of Conference Workers.

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_____ Supt. of Sunday Schools.
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Mrs. Connie Patterson, Sec. of the Conference Workers.

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Mrs. Daisy Siler, Supt. of the Buds of Promise.
Mr. H. P. Merritt, Supt. of Sunday Schools.
Mrs. E. L. Page, Pres. of the V. C. E. Union.
Mrs. Annie M. Dorsett, Pres. of Conference Workers.
Mrs. L. A. Murchison, Sec. of Conference Workers.

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Carthage District.

D. D. McKay. S. P. Judd.

Fayetteville District.

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Third and Fourth Year Studies.—Revs. H. D. Tillman, E. B. Robinson, J. W. Marsh, A. A. Steele, J. H. Hagans.

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Church Extension and Home Missions.—Revs. J. Z. Siler, T. M. Stitt, N. A. Alston, G. F. Gibson, W. H. Coltrane, W. C. Mitchell.

Varick Christian Endeavor Union.—Revs. J. H. Paschal, W. H. Hadley, R. Z. Taylor, A. D. Bland, Mrs. Lizzie Ray, Miss Belle McIver.

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State of the Church.—Revs. W. C. DeBerry, A. A. Johnson, S. A. Murphy, E. V. McIver, J. Q. Johnson, C. M. Mason, O. D. Lett.

Sunday School Union.—Revs. G. W. Murphy, I. S. W. Graham, W. B. Gordon, T. A. Purcell, A. E. Gordon, J. N. Hodges.

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Education.—Revs. W. M. C. DeBerry, E. M. Strong, W. D. Drake, C. T. Tharrington, W. O. Cameron, C. W. McNeill.

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Resolutions.—Revs. H. D. Tillman, W. W. Slade, G. W. Murphy, H. David, R. G. Cannady, A. E. Quick.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Sandford, N. C.
December 4th, 1918.

The 40th annual session of the Central North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church met in Fair Promise A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. R. Taylor, pastor, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bishop L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D., called the Conference to order, and asked some one to volunteer to preach the opening sermon, as he had not appointed any one. Rev. J. A. Barber volunteered and went to the pulpit immediately.

Dr. W. W. Slade lined hymn No. 684, "From Every stormy wind that blows," which was feelingly sung by the Conference; Bishop Kyles read the scripture lesson from Psalms 37.1-20 and the second chapter of Phillipians, and gave a brief but helpful comment on the same. Rev. W. H. Coltrane invoked Divine blessing upon us, after which Presiding Elder Robinson led in singing, "And Are We Yet Alive."

Bishop Kyles then introduced Rev. J. A. Barber to preach the opening sermon. After some preliminary remarks Rev. Barber announced his text from John 12-26, "If any man serve me, let him follow me" etc., subject, "Christian Discipleship." He preached a good sermon, setting forth the duty of both the ministry and the laity in following Christ. At the close of the sermon, Rev. S. J. Wall led in singing, "Let your light shine bright," after which Bishop Kyles, assisted by the Presiding Elders, proceeded to administer the Holy Communion, at the conclusion of which the right hand of fellowship was extended; then all joined in repeating the Lord's prayer.

The Bishop's introductory remarks were inspiring and were listened to with marked attention, especially

when he referred to the six other annual conferences held this year and the great financial showing made by the two Arkansas conferences, notwithstanding the great influenza epidemic, which caused the closing of the churches for several weeks immediately preceding these conference sessions.

The Conference officers were elected as follows: Rev. Henry D. Tillman, secretary; Rev. J. M. Gould, assistant secretary; Rev. R. Culbreth, statistical secretary; Rev. J. A. Barber, reported to the "Star of Zion;" Rev. J. H. Paschal, timist; Rev. J. J. Stitt, P. O. messenger, and Rev. E. V. McIver and Rev. T. C. Marsh marshals. The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first four seats across the church. The Bishop called attention to the official program and directory which he had gotten out for the Conference of the Episcopal District. He sold the programs and the new Books of Discipline.

The committee on rules submitted its report, which after some modifications was adopted, along with the rules arranged by the Bishop in the official program. The roll was called and corrected. The pastor, Rev. R. Taylor, assigned the delegation, after which the Conference adjourned, benediction by Bishop Kyles.

Night Session.

When the hour for service had come Dr. W. W. Slade lined hymn No. 668, "Lord, I believe Thy Every Word," which was sweetly sung; the 23rd Pslam was read in concert. Prof. D. C. Suggs, President of Livingstone College, led in prayer. After the choir had furnished a sweet selection, Dr. Slade lined and the choir and congregation sang hymn No. 666, "Must Jesus bear the cross alone," etc., then Bishop Kyles introduced Dr. Wm. Lyons to preach the annual sermon. After singing, "O, the Blood!" Dr. Lyons chose his text from St. Matthew 7:24-25, sub-

ject, "The Three Trials That Come to Every Man." He preached a profoundly interesting sermon, which reached the hearts of the audience.

The local program was carried out with Rev. R. Taylor, the pastor, acting as master of ceremonies. Atty. C. L. Williams, (white) representing Mayor Cross, was the first speaker. He made a fine speech, calling attention to the great work that must be done by the ministry in solving the many problems that will be the outcome of the great world war, now coming rapidly to a close. He assured us that we were welcome. In behalf of the colored citizens of Sanford, Atty. W. H. Quick made us feel welcome as he spoke eloquently of the upward movement of our people; of the achievements of the colored soldier, side by side with the white soldier, upon the European battlefields. He also spoke of the great work that is being accomplished by the ministry and others for the amelioration of our people. Rev. J. E. McMillan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the churches. He referred with emphasis to the tremedous responsibilities which will necessarily rest upon us when the era now dawning fully comes. He urged every one to adjust himself to conditions and get ready for the task.

Bishop Kyles called upon Dr. D. C. Suggs, President of Livingstone College, to respond, which he did to the satisfaction of all present. Bishop Kyles expressed his regret that only a part of the addresses of welcome were delivered; that he wanted the committee to arrange a time tomorrow night to have the remainder of the program rendered. He said that he wanted to close the Conference Sunday night in order to leave Monday morning for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America, and that Bishop George C. Clement would

come Saturday and assist in closing up the work of the Conference.

Prof. Suggs and Dr. Slade represented the finance committee in lifting the collection, which amounted to $21.00. Rev. W. M. Spaulding, A. B., fraternal delegate from the Virginia Conference, delivered his greetings, speaking of the great work done, especially along financial lines. Bishop Kyles expressed his delight at receiving this cheering news from the Conference of his native state, ever wishing them continued success. He said, however, that the Seventh Episcopal District is still leading and must continue to lead. Several of the pastors then made their reports. Doxology was sung. Benediction by Rev. W. M. Spaulding, A. B.

Second Day—Morning Session

Upon re-assembling at 10 o'clock A. M., Bishop Kyles sang, "Savior, More Than Life to Me," and "When You Get to Heaven." Then we repeated in concert the 1st Psalms, and offered a fervent prayer, and then Rev. Henry D. Tillman led in singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord!" The Bishop opened the "Conference Institute" and delivered a very helpful lecture on, "The Minister As a Man," and instructed, inspired and strengthened the Conference. Hon. John C. Dancy, secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions, Dr. J. Francis Lee, editor of the Sunday School Literature, Dr. W. W. Slade, Prof. Wm. C. DeBerry and Mr. W. O. Allen, lay delegate from the Raleigh district, made strong speeches commending the lecture in the highest terms. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Bishop Kyles for the splendid lecture delivered to the Conference.

At this juncture, Bishop Kyles sprang "a new thing under the sun," when he issued to the Presiding Elders and Pastors questionaires in order to get some informa-

tion, which he considered very necessary to help in the work of the Conference. After the questionaires had been filled and handed in to the Bishop, the Conference took recess for dinner. Benediction by Dr. C. P. S. Harrison.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

Upon re-assembling, Rev. J. H. Paschal sang, "My Soul, be on thy Guard," after which Bishop Kyles led the Conference in repeating the 27th Psalm; then he offered prayer. Dr. W. W. Slade led in singing, "Life is like a mountain railroad," etc., Mr. W. P. Sharpe, (white) representing a monthly magazine, "The Color-Line Monthly," was introduced. He made a splendid talk to the Conference. He was given an opportunity to collect subscriptions to the magazine, and quite a few subscribed. The lay delagates were called forward and seated. Those of the Carthage District. Namely, Brethren Dennis D. McKay and Stokes P. Judd, reported, asking for the return of all pastors and the same P. E., Dr. W. W. Slade. Brethren E. D. Buie and A. H. Harris, delegates from the Fayetteville District, made their reports, asking the return of most of the pastors; and that three charges asked for a change of the P. E., the Rev. P. Robinson. Bro. W. O. Allen and Mrs. C. A. Covington, delegates from the Raleigh District, stated that all of the charges, save two, had asked for the return of their same pastors. All asked for the return of the same P. E., Dr. C. P. S. Harrison. Bishop Kyles commended the delegates for making such splendid reports, and said that he would do his best in complying with the requests made. Conference then adjourned. Doxology was sung. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

Night Session

The large congregation that gathered prior to the hour for services was entertained by the sweet singer, Dr.

Wm. Lyons, connectional evangelist, who sang many choir selections. At the opening hour Bishop Lyles lined hymn No. 406, "Father, I Stretch my Hands to Thee," which was sung. After the 23rd Psalm was repeated in concert, Rev. N. B. Stelly led in earnest prayer, after which the choir sang a selection. This being educational night, the committee on education made its report. Then Bishop Kyles introduced Prof. D. C. Suggs, president of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., and Hon. John C. Dancy, Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions, both of whom made speeches that instructed and inspired the audience and suited the occasion to the letter. Prof. Suggs espcially referred to the great work of Livingstone College, and what is necessary for its continued success in the work of training our young people. Bishop Kyles made an urgent appeal for $500.00 and quite a few responded. The collection amounted to $655.00.

The committee on Conference Boundaries and Presiding Elder districts submitted its report, recommending the formation of the fourth Presiding Elder District in the Central North Carolina Conference. The report was unanimously adopted. After announcements the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

Third Day—Morning Session

The Conference opened at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Rev. W. H. Coletrane led in singing, "A Charge to Keep, I Have," then Rev. H. B. Bennett, D. D., P. E. of the Winston District, Western North Carolina Conference, led in repeating the Lord's prayer. At the request of Bishop Kyles, Dr. Bennett sang, "Get Right with God," and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit." Bishop Kyles spoke of the excellent qualities of Dr. Bennett and of his arduous labors, both as pastor and P. E. He also spoke of the sincere friendship existing between them. Dr. Bennett also referred to the same, speaking in highest terms of Bishop Kyles.

The work of the "Conference Institute" was entered into. Bishop Kyles introduced Dr. J. Francis Lee, editor of the Sunday School Literature, to spend 20 minutes in lecturing on Genesis and Exodus. The divisions, subdivisions and brief explanations were indeed helpful in studying these books, thereby showing that Dr. Lee is a Bible scholar of no mean ability. In commending the helpful lecture Rev. J. H. Paschal spoke of how his life had been touched by the helpful advice and influence of Dr. Lee, who also officiated at his marriage 20 years ago. Bishop Kyles then sang his favorite song, "Lord, I want to be a Christian in my Heart," and the Spirit of the Lord came down in copious showers. " 'Twas a heaven below." He then proceeded to deliver his lecture,—"Human Rights," in which he set forth many new thoughts for the good of the whole people, especially our people of the Southland. His were optimistic views, pointing to that which will affect us as a race, since the close of the war.

Dr. W. W. Slade made a rousing response which captivated the Conference. He urged the young men to prepare themselves for future usefulness. A collection of $50.00 was lifted and donated to the Bishop on traveling expenses. Bishop Kyles thanked the Conference for the donation. After announcements, we had the recess for dinner. Dr. Wm. Lyons pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon Session.

Conference re-assembled at 3:30 o'clock P. M. Bishop Kyles led in repeating the Lord's prayer, then was begun the reporting of the various committees, also the pastors who had not reported made their reports. Rev. J. M. Gould, collector of the educational money, reported as follows: Carthage District, cash $66.00, receipts $85.00; total $151.00. Fayetteville District, cash $80.00; receipts $73.00, total $153.00.

Rev. C. T. Simmons, collector of the Special Conference School money, reported as follows: Carthage District, cash $102.50; receipts $____, total $102.50. Fayetteville District, cash $176.50; receipts $____, total $176.-50.

Rev. E. M. Strong, collector of the Mission money, reported as follows: Carthage District, cash $58.00; receipts $14.50; total $72.50. Fayetteville District, cash $40.50; receipts $26.00; total 65.50.

Dr. Wm. Lyons, collector of Church Extension and Home Mission money, reported as follows: Carthage District, cash $18.00; receipts $55.00, total $73.00. Fayetteville District, cash $30.00; receipts $43.50, total $73.50.

Dr. Slade sang "I'll be Satisfied," while a collection of $3.34 was lifted for Church Extension and Home Missions.

The committee on Admission made its report, recommending the following brethren for admission into the Traveling Connection on Trial:—I. M. Carroll, 85 per cent; D..W. Brooks, 85 per cent; J. B. Meekins, 85 per cent; O. W. Coward, 85 per cent; J. C. Flowers, 85 per cent; W. E. Murphy, 70 per cent; and I. A. Cameron, 70 per cent. The report was adopted.

Rev. C. A. Martin, of the Missionary Baptist church, was admitted on the face of his credentials. The committee on First and Second Year's Studies reported, recommending that the entire first year class remain in first year's studies, purchase the necessary books and continue their studies, and that Brethren J. A. Siler, J. M. McNeill, G. D. Patterson and J. J. McNeill remain in the 2nd year class; and that Bro. T. E. Terry and Mrs. L. A. Murchison be advanced to the 3rd year class.

The committee on Third and Fourth Years' Studies reported as follows: In 3rd year class—C. W. McNeill, 60 per cent; A. E. Quick, 55 per cent; David Sawyer, 50 per cent; T. C. Marsh, 50 per cent; and A. J. Baker, 50 per

cent. In 4th year class—W .C. Mitchell, 62 per cent; A. D. Bland, 60 per cent; W. H. Berry, 54 per cent. All in both classes were recommended to continue their studies.

The Conference workers were called for to make their reports and responded as follows:

Carthage District

Mrs. S. M. Jones	$25.00
Mrs. Sylvia Murchison	11.20
Mrs. Alice Cameron	10.00
Mrs. Lizzie Baker	10.00
Miss Mary B. McIver	10.00
Miss Alcinda Chapman	10.00
Mrs. Sallie Stitt	10.00
Mrs. Della Clegg	5.25
Mrs. Annie Hayes	3.85
Mrs. Janie McLean	3.30
Public Collection	1.40.
	$100.00

Fayetteville District

Mrs. Mary B. Standback	$15.00
Miss Carrie Stephens	12.00
Miss Caroline Roper	10.00
Mrs. Connie Patterson	4.00
Mrs. Della Paschal	3.50
Mrs. Carrie McEachin	3.00
Public collection	13.00
	$60.50

Raleigh District

Mrs. Annie M. Dorsett	$26.50
Mrs. L. A. Murchison	10.00
Mrs. Jane Alston	6.00
Mrs. Mary Millican	6.00

Mrs. C. A. Covington	4.00
Public collection	7.70
	$60.20

A motion prevailed that we hold a Convocation next April at which time we make a drive to raise $5,000.00.

The following missionary program was rendered with Miss Kate Mae Monroe acting as Mistress of ceremonies:

1. Music by the choir.
2. Invocation by Rev. Henry D. Tillman.
3. Music by the choir.
4. Paper, "The Queen of Sheba," by Miss Alcinda Chapman.
5. Solo by Miss Ernestine McKay.
6. Paper by Mrs. M. B. McKay.
7. Solo by Mrs. S. M. Jones.
8. Recital from Dunbar, by Prof. J. W. Harrison.
9. Oration by Miss Kate Mae Monroe.
10. Solo by Mrs. R. A. Gould.

Following the above program were the reports of the Missionary workers of the respective districts:

Carthage District: Mrs. M. B. Bethea, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, reported $100.00 cash; Mrs. Mattie McKee, secretary of the Young Women's Department, reported $26.25 cash; Miss Arabelle Simmons, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported $60.56 cash; public collection $7.25. Total $194,-06.

Fayetteville District: Mrs. B. J. Elliott, president of the W. H. and F. M. Societies, reported $6.55 cash, $39.00 receipts; total $45.55. Miss Geneva Guions, secretary of the Y. W. Department, reported $7.52 cash; $20.00 receipts; total $27.52. Miss Plummer DeVance, superintendent of the Buds of Promise, reported $13.85 cash; $18.00 receipts; total $31.85. Public Collection $16.10. Grand

total $121.02.

Raleigh District: Miss Kate Mae Monroe, president of the W. H. and F. M. Societies, reported $120.00 cash; Mrs. Daisy Siler, supt. of the Buds of Promise, reported $44.25 cash; public collection $11.00; total $175.25.

Grand total of cash and receipts from the three districts $490.33.

Rev. Taylor made assignments of new comers to their homes. Then the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

Fourth Day—Morning Session

Conference opened at 10:30. Rev. S. J. Wall sang, "I am Thine, O Lord." Bishop Kyles led in reciting the 27th Psalm, then he offered prayer in a feeling manner. Rev. Wall then sang "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit," and Dr. Lyons sang, "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross." Conference went into executive session and adjusted some important matters. Rev. N. A . Alston led the Conference in singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and then offered prayer. The regular routine work of the Conference was then taken up. The roll was called and the personal Debt-paying Rally money was paid on the table. Rev. T. L. Canonn, a local deacon of Oak Street A. M. E. Zion church, Petersburg, Va., was recommended for admission into the Traveling Connection and to be placed in the first year class. Admitted.

The Committee on Public Worship made assignments for the different ministers to preach at the various churches on Sunday. A motion prevailed that the next session of the Conference meet in Franklin Chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, Laurinburg, N. C., in November, 1919. Conference then adjourned. Benediction by Dr. W. W. Slade.

Sabbath Services—Morning

When the hour for preaching had come, Bishops L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D., and Geo. C. Clement, A. M., D. D., and Drs. J. W. Martin, secretary of Education, H. B. Bennett and W. W. Slade wewe seated upon the rostrum. Bishop Clement lined hymn No. 98, "Lord, in the Morning Thou Shalt Hear." After it was sung, he then read the scripture lesson from the 6th chapter of Galatians. Dr. Martin led in prayer. Mr. C. Taylor sang a solo, after which Dr. Slade introduced Bishop L. W. Kyles to preach.

After a few remarks Bishop Kyles announced his text from Gal. 6:10, subject: "Character, Regularity and Universality of Christian Service." The Bishop preached a strong and forceful sermon which was enjoyed by all present. Dr. Slade sang, "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit." Then Bishop Clement opened the doors of the church. The finance committee lifted a collection of $150.30. Doxology was sung. Benediction by Bishop Kyles.

Afternoon.

At 3 o'clock Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry, A. B., B. D., lined hymn No. 822, "Jesus! the Name High over All," which was sweetly sung. Rev. W. W. Long led in prayer, after a selection by the choir of Southern Pines (which sang during the 3 o'clock services), Dr. H. B. Bennett introduced Bishop Geo. C. Clement, of the 10th Episcopal District, as speaker of the occasion. Bishop Clement chose his text from John 12:21, subject, "Seeing Jesus," from which he preached a soul-stirring sermon that will linger long with those who heard it. After prayer the finance committee lifted a collection of $13.00. Doxology was sung. Benediction by Bishop Clement.

Night

Long before the hour for preaching had come the

church was filled to its utmost capacity. A lively song service was conducted. At 7:30 o'clock Rev. J. M. Gould lined hymn No. 667, "O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink," which was sung by the choir and congregation. Rev. C. T. Tharrington led in prayer. After a selection by the choir, Bishop Geo. C. Clement introduced Rev. H. B. Bennet, D. D., P. E. of the Winston District, Western North Carolina Conference, to preach. Dr. Bennett chose his text from Isa. 40:31, subject, "Unweariness in God's Service," and preached an able sermon that captivated the vast audience. After prayer the finance committee lifted the offering, which amounted to $12.10, after which Bishop Clement asked the disciplinary questions.

The fraternal delegates were elected as follows:

African Conference, Bishop L. W. Kyles.
Tennessee Conference, Rev. Wm. Lyons, D. D.
Cape Fear Conference, Rev. S. J. Wall.
South Carolina Conference, Rev. R. Culbreth.
West Central N. C. Conference, Rev. J. M. Gould.
Virginia Conference, Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry, D. D.
Western N. C. Conference, Rev. R. Taylor.
North Carolina Conference, Rev. A. E. Gordon.

At this juncture a short eulogistic service was held in honor of Bishop J. W. Hood, (died October 30, 1918) and Rev. G. W. Richardson, deceased (died Octiber 26, 1918) Revs. W. O. Waddell and J. W. Levy spoke of Bishop Hood as a father whose words of advice and counsel gave inspiration and help to those who heeded them. Rev. J. A. Barker spoke of Rev. Richardson as a brother minister, whose association and brotherly kindness were of such as to bring joy and cheerfulness to his fellow laborers in the master's vineyard. The services were solemn and impressive, and led all to believe that "Some the silver chord will break."

Rev. W. W. Long asked for a collection for one of his

members whose son had died in the hospital in Sanford, and the sum of $11.60 was lifted.

The character of the Presiding Elders and the pastors of their respective districts were passed. After extended remarks Bishop Kyles offered prayer and then proceeded to read the appointments, assigning the preachers to the various charges for another year, and pronounced the benediction and then the 40th annual session of the Central North Carolina Conference passed into history.

L. W. KYLES,
Presiding Bishop.

HENRY D. TILLMAN,
Secretary and Compiler.

Report of Rev. W. W. Slade, D. D., Presiding Elder Carthage District

To the North Carolina Conference now in session at Sanford, N. C.—

Dear Bishop and Brethren: Once more, by the Providence of God, we are permitted to render another annual report. Admist devastating war and dreadful disease, the high cost of living and the invasion of the Grim Monster, Death, by the help of the Lord, we have pulled through with flying colors. Up to the breaking out of the dreadful disease Influenza we had made the finest record in our history. All at once and with little warning our churches were closed, and for more than six weeks we were not able to accomplish but very little. By persistent effort and eternal vigilance we managed to keep the old ship off the breakers. We were encouraged by the several Episcopal letters received from time to time from our good Bishop. They always created renewed interest and gave impetus to the work in general. We have been in close touch with the pastors and work of the district, having been able to lend our assistance in whatever place and at every time especially needed. Therefore the work has gone forward

by leaps and bounds. Our district is in excellent condition from every viewpoint. Bishop, I am able to say without the least fear of successful contradiction that I have as able and loyal set of men as can be found in any conference. The laymen of the district have played their part well in helping us to come up to the Conference with a round report on everything. God bless them for their noble work.

We had a great Sunday school convention at Carthage, N. C. Rev. W. F. McKee entertained the convention as never before. Every preacher and delegate went down from there with renewed interest. Rev. G. W. Murphy and his people entertained the District Conference at Oak Grove royally. Murphy knows how to do things. We have kept the District at the highest possible pitch by visiting the work during the intervals of the quarterly conferences and inspiring the pastors and people in every possible way. We have discovered that the closer the work is supervised the better results accrue. We have taken your fatherly advice given us at this very place last February, and we shall continue to pursue this course as long as you see fit to continue our service in this capacity. The material side of the church on the District has felt the touch of the masterbuilders of the Carthage District. New churches have been built, others remodeled and beautified, as my report will show further on.

The spiritual side also has been our chief end. Congregations increased, membership enlarged, services conducted, mourners converted, Christians edified, and the credit is given to the man that said, "I, and if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Zion's interests have been well cared for on every hill top and in every valley. In the ministers of the Carthage District Zion has no more able defenders. The men are studious, religious and perfect gentlemen in every sense of the word.

I shall now proceed to refer to and speak of the men and the work accomplished by them during this year in their several stations and circuits.

Carthage circuit, pastored by Rev. W. F. McKee. This young son of the Kingdom has served faithfully this charge for three years, and to say he has succeeded is putting it mildly. McKee succeeds wherever sent. He is a fine preacher, good pastor, and successful organizer. He comes up to the Conference with a round report.

Sanford Station, pastored by Rev. R. Taylor. He is a success wherever sent. As the host of this Conference, he will indicate to you in a tangible way his efficiency for great tasks. He has a round report. He has remodelled his church, and it is a thing of beauty.

Cameron circuit, pastored by Rev. A. E. Gordon. This young man has succeeded admirably on this work. He has built a parsonage and painted the church at Cameron. He too, has a full report.

Beaver Creek circuit, is pastored by a splendid young man that we consider a success along all lines in the person of Rev. J. W. Marsh. This young man has done a great work on this charge and will succeed anywhere.

Manchester circuit, pastored by one of the most enthusiastic hustlers we have in the district, Rev. G. F. Gibson. He has done a great work this year at Manchester, having renovated or otherwise repaired all his churches. George is a hustler. His report is round as usual.

Aberdeen circuit, pastored by that erudite scholar, preacher and educator, Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry. He has succeeded well and his report is round.

We now come to the famous Chestnut circuit, pastored by one of the best men in Zion church, Rev. C. T. Simmons. This man is a marvel. He has comparatively wrought miracles on the Chestnut circuit. His work speaks for itself. Of course his report is round.

Southern Pines circuit, is pastored by the pastor of many essential parts. I shall speak of some of them as follows. He visits all his members. He is the most courteous minister I know. He is in general a smooth pastor in every sense of the word. Rev. J. M. Gould.

Narrington circuit, pastored by Rev. W. O. Cameron. Rev. Cameron is a pastor you need not worry yourself about. He always delivers the goods. He has done a great work on the Narrington circuit and comes to this Conference with a round report.

Flea Hill circuit, is pastored by the trusted Gospel battle axe of the district in the person of Rev. W. O. Waddelle. Rev. Waddelle is one of our most successful pastors. He never fails anywhere. He is well beloved and highly respected on his charge. He is known as the never failing pastor. His report is round.

Lock's Creek circuit, is pastored by the man that has made the most remarkable progress as a preacher of any young man I know. His name is Rev. A. D. Bland. He comes up with a round report on every line. Bland is all right.

Robeson Chapel mission is pastored by Rev. P. J. Jones, a pastor that is hard to turn down. He has been a success everywhere he has gone. As a pastor he has few superiors. Jones is round.

Lillington circuit, is pastored by Rev. G. W. Murphy, every inch a man from any viewpoint. Murphy has the people on that circuit in his fingers. He remodelled Oak Grove church and brought the work up in general. Murphy is all the time round.

Dunn circuit, pastored by Rev. J. J. Stitt, has made the most remarkable progress imaginable. This was only an ordinary-looking church and paid a very small salary, also had a very small membership, but today it ranks

with the leading churches in this Conference. Stitt has done the year's work of his life. Report round.

Green Grove mission, pastored by Rev. T. C. Marsh, is in good shape and he is one of our coming young men. He has filled out the year at Jonesboro and Love Grove churches from date of the death of Rev. G. W. Richardson and he has done well. Marsh is all right. His report is round.

Brother J. W. McNeill has done well at Benson and Williamson missions this year. Brother McNeill is a fine young man and has before him a great future.

Mrs. M. B. Bethea, our worthy missionary president, has done a great year's work. So has Mrs. McKee and Miss Isabella Simmons. They are all capable.

Jonesboro circuit. This good place was pastored by the late Rev. G. W. Richardson, D. D., until his death. He was a great preacher, faithful friend and Christian brother. He did a great work during his ministerial career. He built and renovated many churches in this and the W. Central Conference. He was a great church builder. We pray the blessings of the good Lord upon the bereaved family. Peace to his ashes. The faithful members and friends of the Jonesboro circuit, which is composed of Jonesboro and Love's Grove, can not be excelled along the line of church work. Rev. T. C. Marsh rendered great service while temporarily looking after the circuit. The general claims Stewards, Bro. Willie McClain and Brother McIver of Jonesboro, did great work in trying to bring up all the General Claims possible. Number of members on circuit 250. Paid pastor, as well as we were able to learn from one source and another, $565.00. Current expenses $84.65. Poor and charity $56.00. Raised from all sources, Rev. Richardson, W. W. Slade, T. C. Marsh, on P. E. salary $100.00. General claims $105.25. Total for all purposes $910.90.

I herewith submit my report to our honorable Bishop and Conference for your prayerful consideration, trusting it may meet your hearty approbation.

Pastor's Reports

1. Carthage Circuit. Rev. W. F. McKee, Pastor. No. of members 250, raised for pastor $780.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $198.50; raised for other purposes $571.50; total $1650.00.

2. Sanford Station. Rev. R. Taylor, Pastor. No. of members 140; raised for pastor $602.00; raised for P. E. $30.00; raised for General Claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $520.00; total $1292.00.

3. Cameron Circuit. Rev. A. E. Gordon, Pastor. No. of members 103; raised for pastor $537.50; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $249.40; total $986.90.

4. Beaver Creek Circuit. Rev. J. W. Marsh, Pastor. No. of members 250; raised for pastor $680.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $130.00; raised for other purposes $374.00; total $1284.00.

5. Jonesboro Circuit. Rev. G. W. Richardson, Pastor (deceased). No. of members 250; raised for pastor $565.-00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $105.25; raised for other purposes $140.65; total $910.90.

6. Manchester Circuit. Rev. Geo. F. Gibson, Pastor No. of members 332; raised for pastor $630.05; raised for P. E. $82.75; raised for General Claims $125.00; raised for other purposes $629.80; total $1467.60.

7. Aberdeen Circuit. Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry, Pastor. No. of members 120; raised for pastor $605.25; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $75.00; raised for other purposes $515.00; total $1255.25.

8. Chestnut Circuit. Rev. C. T. Simmons, Pastor. No. of members 231; raised for pastor $675.00; raised for P. E. $90.00; raised for General Claims $145.00; raised for

other purposes $560.35; total $1480.35.

9. Southern Pines Circuit. Rev. J. M. Gould, Pastor. No. of members 230; raised for pastor $675.00; raised for P. E. $90.00; raised for General Claims $120.00; raised for other purposes $790.00; total $1675.00.

10. Narrington Circuit. Rev. W. O. Cameron, Pastor. No. of members 160; raised for pastor $305.34; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $119.50; raised for other purposes $126.41; total $611.25.

11. Flea Hill Circuit. Rev. W. O. Waddell, Pastor. No. of members 288; raised for pastor $707.47; raised for P. E. $104.00; raised for General Claims $145.00; raised for other purposes $793.82; total $1750.29.

12. Lock's Creek Circuit. Rev. A. D. Bland, Pastor. No. of members 142; raised for pastor $406.30; raised for P. E. $68.00; raised for General Claims $119.50; raised for other purposes $246.44; total $839.24.

13. Robinson Chapel Circuit. Rev. P. J. Jones, Pastor. No. of members 90; raised for pastor $205.39; raised for P. E. $33.26; raised for General Claims $40.00; raised for other purposes $200.00; total $473.65.

14. Lillington Circuit. Rev. G. W. Murphy, (No. 1) Pastor. No. of members 432; raised for pastor $665.00; raised for P. E. $120.00; raised for General Claims $140.-00; raised for other purposes $389.87; total $1314.87.

15. Dunn Circuit. Rev. J. J. Stitt, Pastor. No. of members 130; raised for pastor $717.80; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $85.00; raised for other purposes $1043.10; total $1925.90.

16. Green Grove Mission. Rev. T. C. Marsh, Pastor. No. of members 4; raised for Pastor $45.00; raised for P. E. $7.50; raised for General Claims $——; raised for other purposes $46.00; total $98.50.

17. Hood Temple Circuit. Rev. A. E. Quick, Pastor. No. of members 60; raised for pastor $245.84; raised for

P. E. $18.50; raised for General Claims $50.00; raised for other purposes $230.68; total $545.02.

Report of Rev. P. Robinson, Presiding Elder Fayetteville District, to the Central North Carolina Conference, Sanford, N. C., Dec. 4, 1918.

To the Bishop, General Officers, Presiding Elders and Pastors:

Through the providence of Him who saith, Cast all thy burdens on the Lord, and He shall sustain thee, we are permitted to assemble again in our annual session. Though death, God's foot boy, has been in our midst and has broken the tender tie of our ministerial ranks; there are voices that once cheered us now hushed and all is quiet—but we, God's watchmen, are left here to muster the mighty armies of the Lord. A few more days and we too shall join the disembodied hosts beyond the swelling flood.

Oh! for the death of those,
Who slumber in the Lord;
Oh! be like theirs my last repose,
Like theirs my last reward.

We can now join in with the women of Israel, saying Saul has slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands. The great war of today has slain its thousands, but the Influenza its tens of thousands.

Our district has been crippled by the ruthless hand of death as never before. Once we were on the mountain top, with the present high wages, just in the land of Beulah, but in the midst of our feasting the handwriting on the wall said come down, and down we came with an awful financial catastrophe. Six long weeks out of doors, not allowed in our churches, in our main harvest time; but thanks be to the Lord! we can say we are here with a round report for the old historic Fayetteville District. We have lost two churches by the Government camp. We

are going to build one more at Duffies. We have two acres of land paid for and some money to start the church, and if we are returned for another year the church is assured.

In obedience to the powers that be, we shall not mention each pastor as before, as their reports will speak for themselves. Only Rev. E. B. Robinson has paid off tthe mortgage on St. James Church at Red Springs. It is now free from debt. Rev. D. Sawyer has finished ceiling Prospect church and has installed gas lights, which makes it second to none for beauty. This is all that has been reported to me, but I have been informed that other pastors have done similar work, but not reported. We shall now proceed to read the Pastor's reports:

Pastor's Reports

1. Evans Metropolitan Station, Fayetteville, N. C. Rev. B. J. Pratt, Pastor. No. of members 325; raised for pastor $800.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $275.00; raised for other purposes $1565.14; total $2740.14.

2. Mattocks Memorial Station, Fayetteville, Rev. Wm. Lyons, Pastor. No. of members 67; raised for pastor $385.70; raised for P. E. $45.00; raised for General Claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $296.02; total $806.72.

3. St. John Circuit, Rev. T. M. Stitt, Pastor. No. of members 130; raised for pastor $565.65; raised for P. E. $50.00; raised for General Claims $75.00; raised for other purposes $998.25; total $1688.90.

4. Parkton Circuit, Rev. C. M. Mason, Pastor. No. of members 214; raised for pastor $521.36; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $185.00; raised for other purposes $743.64; total $1530.00.

5. Tar Heel Circuit, Rev. S. M. Stedman, Pastor. No. of members 140; raised for pastor $400.00; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $75.00; raised

for other purposes $715.00; total $1250.00.

6. Willis Creek Circuit, Rev. A. T. McNeill, Pastor. No. of members 150; raised for pastor $618.80; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $125.50; raised for other purposes $989.15; total $1693.45.

7. Bridgers Grove Circuit, Rev. E. M. Strong, Pastor. No. of members 142; raised for pastor $603.76; raised for P. E. $38.75; raised for General Claims $138.00; raised for other purposes $1430.50; total $2211.01.

8. Prospect Church, Rev. David Sawyer, Pastor. No. of members——; raised for pastor $152.50; raised for P. E. $4.00; raised for General Claims $30.00; raised for other purposes $272.00; total $453.50.

9. Mountain Grove Circuit, Rev. W. H. Coletrane, Pastor. No. of members 233; raised for pastor $525.00; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $561.30; total $1257.25.

10. Wagram Circuit, Rev. J. H. Parker, Pastor. No. of members 78; raised for pastor $330.65; raised for P. E. $40.00; raised for General Claims $30.00; raised for other purposes $295.21; total $695.86.

11. Freedom Circuit, Rev. N. A. Alston, Pastor. No. of members 168; raised for pastor $600.00; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $90.00; raised for other purposes $628.00; total $1398.00.

12. Red Springs Station, Rev. E. B. Robinson, Pastor. No. of members 240; raised for pastor $700.00; raised for P. E. $87.00; raised for General Claims $180.00; raised for other purposes $1245.50; total $2212.50.

13. Maxton Circuit, Rev. J. H. Paschal, Pastor. No. of members 160; raised for pastor $709.80; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $1025.00; total $1844.00.

14. Alma Circuit, Rev. S. J. Wall, Pastor. No. of members 125; raised for pastor $500.00; raised for P. E.

$60.00; raised for General Claims $55.00; raised for other purposes $430.50; total $1045.50.

15. Laurinburg Station, Rev. Henry D. Tillman, Pastor. No. of members 250; raised for pastor $1127.40; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $180.-00; raised for other purposes $2164.60; total $3572.00.

16. Johns Station Circuit, Rev. J. W. Hill, Pastor. No. of members 190; raised for pastor $790.75; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $95.00; raised for other purposes $1776.00; total $2741.95.

17. Matthews Chapel Circuit, Rev. A. A. Johnson, Pastor. No. of members 221; raised for pastor $693.65; raised for P. E. $109.57; raised for General Claims $110.-00; raised for other purposes $1460.29; total $2373.53.

18. Pinehurst Circuit, Rev. G. W. Murphy (No. 2) Pastor. No. of members 102; raised for pastor $300.00; raised for P. E. $40.00; raised for General Claims $40.00; raised for other purposes $140.00; total $520.00.

Report of the Raleigh District, A. M. E. Zion Church, Rev. C. P. S. Robinson, D. D., Presiding Elder.

Dear Bishop, Pastors and Members of the Central North Carolina Conference:

The emerald forest leaves of spring, painted in all the rainbow colors of an autumnal sun, have passed and upon the thrreshold of another winter we have met, after another year's separation. A year loaded with some of the most trying scenes it has ever been our lot to witness. But it has pleased the Lord to permit us to meet again in this our 40th Annual session. To renew our fraternal relation and catch new inspiration, so as to return to our fields of labor with renewed zeal to labor for the continued improvement of the church.

I am about to submit to you, Sir, the report of a class of high-toned Christian gentlemen. We get the word man from the latin VIR. It has direct reference to mental

acts, such as bravery, courage and valor, in fact all noble and good qualities of head and heart. To be a God-sent pastor, then I must be a man. These men are loyal—they have gone through snow and storms, wind and hail, to take care of that which has been committed unto them against that day.

We have stood at evening tide as the King of day slowly sank below the western horizon and watched the matchless paintings of Nature upon the golden curtain of twilight, whose beauty defies imitation or description. We have stood in the storm when the torrents of water gushed from the windows of heaven, when it seemed as though the elements above would destroy the foundations of the earth below. I listened to the deep vibration of Heaven's artillery, and have watched the flashing of the lightning illuminating that dark and angry cloud of Nature, which could not be painted in words. But they pass us unharmed and today I stand before you to deliver the goods.

Again when we think of a man whose moral development is so bright an ornament of character that his brethren are not only taught by his example to love and cultivate morality for morality's sake, but are inspired to point with pride to him as a fit and honorable exponent and virtuous teacher of our noble church. Again when we think of a man whose honor shines in his every word and act, not only when presiding in his conference, but in his daily intercourse with his fellow men so brightly that all men are constrained to respect his word and to honor his character. And again when we think of the man whose intellectual ability, commanding the respect of scholars, enables him to dive into the mysteries of symbolic love and bring forth instruction and information to his brethren. Again we are honored with a man who is true and trusty and a lover of every institution of his

church. The gentleman I refer to is the Right Reverened L. W. Kyles, A. M., D. D.

Pastor's Reports

1. Rush Memorial Station, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. N. B. Stelly, Pastor. No. of members 375; raised for pastor $1846.45; raised for P. E. $61.50; raised for General Claims $101.00; raised for other purposes $2,249.02; total $4,257.97.

2. St. Mark's Station, Durham, N. C., Rev. J. A. Barber, Pastor. No. of members 150; raised for pastor $878.00; raised for P. E. $94.00; raised for General Claims $120.00; raised for other purposes $1275.87; total $2367.-85.

3. Kesler's Temple Station, Henderson, N. C., Rev. R. Culbreth, Pastor. No. of members 160; raised for pastor $400.00; raised for P. E. $37.50; raised for General Claims $65.00; raised for other purposes $743.00; total $1245.50.

4. Oxford Circuit, Rev. J. Z. Siler, Pastor. No. of members 225, raised for pastor $760.17; raised for P. E. $80.00; raised for General Claims $130.00; raised for other purposes $481.40; total $1451.57.

5. St. Mary's Circuit, Rev. R. G. Cannady, Pastor. No. of members 120; raised for pastor $225.00; raised for P. E. $33.00; raised for General Claims $61.00; raised for other purposes $216.00; total $525.00.

6. Franklinton Circuit, Rev. W. H. Hadley, Pastor. No. of members 170; raised for pastor $425.80; raised for P. E. $42.00; raised for General Claims $120.00; raised for other purposes $212.47; total $800.24.

7. St. Matthews and Coats Missions, Rev. J. Q. Johnson, Pastor. No. of members 22; raised for pastor $108.57; raised for P. E. $6.20; raised for General Claims $20.00; raised for other purposes $26.14; total $162.91.

8. Holly Springs Circuit, Rev. W. D. Drake, Pastor. No. of members 235; raised for pastor $500.00; raised for P. E. $61.50; raised for General Claims $72.00; raised for other purposes $570.50; total $1103.00.

9. Mitchell Circuit, Rev. W. W. Long, Pastor. No. of members 355; raised for pastor $650.00; raised for P. E. $111.50; raised for General Claims $180.00; raised for other purposes $744.25; total $1685.75.

10. Selma Circuit, Rev. H. C. Harrison, Pastor. No. of members 140; raised for pastor $451.47; raised for P. E. $42.00; raised for General Claims $62.00; raised for other purposes $479.50; total $932.97.

11. Haywood Circuit, Rev. E. V. McIver, Pastor. No. of members 65; raised for pastor $340.00; raised for P. E. $48.00; raised for General Claims $50.00; raised for other purposes $521.55; total $959.55.

12. Ebenezer Circuit, Rev. A. J. McDonald, Pastor. No. of members 240; raised for pastor $450.00; raised for P. E. $90.00; raised for General Claims $115.00; raised for other purposes $297.00; total $942.00.

13. Siler City Circuit, Rev. C. T. Tharrington, Pastor. No. of members 177; raised for pastor $450.00; raised for P. E. $60.00; raised for General Claims $80.00; raised for other purposes $140.50; total $630.50.

14. Gees Grove Circuit, Rev. A. A. Steele, Pastor. No. of members 234; raised for pastor $555.25; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $170.00; raised for other purposes $432.35; total $1257.60.

15. Cumnock Circuit, Rev. W. H. Horton, Pastor. No. of members 205; raised for pastor $551.14; raised for P. E. $90.00; raised for General Claims $145.00; raised for other purposes $777.86; total $1564.00.

16. New Hope Circuit, Rev. J. H. Hagans, Pastor. No. of members 230; raised for pastor $555.00; raised for P. E. $100.00; raised for General Claims $150.00; raised

for other purposes $656.00; total $1461.00.

17. Love Grove Mission, Durham, N. C., Rev. J. B. Watson, Pastor. No. of members 25; raised for pastor $75.00; raised for P. E. $4.25; raised for General Claims $13.00; raised for other purposes $426.00; total $518.25.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Of _____Annual Conference, convened at _____ _____19

Two blanks are to be filled out. One for the minutes and one to be sent to the General Secretary, Rev. F. M. Jacobs, M. D., D. D., 416 Gold St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

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2. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Rev. C. F. Martin, from Missonary Baptist Church.

3. Who have been received on Trial?

I. M. Carroll, D. W. Brooks, O. W. Coward, I. A. Cameron, J. C. Flowers, W. E. Murphy.

4. Who remained on Trial?

See roll.

5. Who have been Dropped?

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6. Who have been admitted into Full Connection?

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7. Who have been elected Deacons?

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8. Who have been ordained Deacons during the year?

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9. Who have been ordained Deacons at Conference?

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10. Who have been elected Elders?

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11. Who have been ordained Elders during the year?

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12. Who have been ordained Elders at Conference?

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13. Who have been ordained Local Deacons?

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14. Who have been ordained Local Elders?

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15. Who have been ordained Deacons under Missionary Rule?

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16. Who have been ordained Elders under Missionary Rule?

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17. Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

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18. Who have died?

Bishop J. W. Hood and Rev. G. W. Richardson.

19. Who have been Located?

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20. Who have located at their own repuest?

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21. Who have honorably Withdrawn?

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22. Who have withdrawn under Charges or Complaint?

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23. Who have been suspended?

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24. Who have been expelled?

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25. Are there any Complaints?

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26. Are there any Appeals?

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27. Are all the Ministers and Preachers blameless in life and Character? (Let Characters be examined).

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28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
See roll.
29. Who compose the Educational Board?

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30. Who compose the Church Extension and Home Mission Board?

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31. Who compose the Foreign Mission Board?

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32. Whoare the Superannuated Ministers?
See roll.
33. Who are the Widows and Orphans of our deceased Ministers?
See roll.
34. Who are our Missionaries?

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35. What new Societies have been Received?

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36. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See list of appointments.
37. Who are our Supernumerary Preachers?

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38. When and where shall the next Conference be held?
Laurinburg, N. C., Nov., 1919.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR.

Statistics No. 1.—**Sunday Schools.**

Number of Sunday Schools	135.
Number of Officers and Teachers	1080.
Number of Members on Cradle Roll	1215.

Increase over last year	215.
Number of Scholars in Home Department	795.
Number of Scholars in Adult Bible Classes	5250.
Increase over last year	250.
Number of Scholars in Main School	6125.
(Extension Classes included)	612.
Increase over last year	5250.
Average attendance	------
Whole number of Scholars in Sunday School	9624.
Increase over last year	620.
Decrease	------
Number of Scholars and Teachers who are Church Members	1080.
Number of Scholars (Whether attendants or Members of Home Department) who are Church Members	4350.
Number of Scholars converted and united with the Church during the year	300.
Number of Sermons preached by the Pastor to the Children	640.
Number of times the Pastor has catechised the Children	1350.
Nunmber of Bound Volumes in Library	4900.
Number of Lesson Helps taken from our Publication House	14895.
Amount raised for Sunday School Purposes	$8349.
Amount raised for Foreign Missions	$136.
Amount raised for Home Missions	$160.
Amount raised for Sunday School Board	$138.
Amount Expended	$6125.
Amount in hand	$2224.

Statistics No. 2.—**Varick Christian Endeavor Societies.**

Number of Societies	292.
Number of Active Members	107.
Number of Associate Members	102.

Number of Honorary Members	69.
Number of Junior Societies	------
Number of Members in the Junior Societies	768.
Number of Members in both Senior and Junior Societies	1184.
Total amount raised by both Senior and Junior Societies	$524.40.
Amount sent to the President of the Union	$48.15.
Amount raised for Foreign Missions	$48.15.

Statistics No.3.—**Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.**

Number of Societies	80.
Number of Active Members	877.
Number of Honorary Members	222.
Total amount of Money Raised	$350.
Amount sent to the Treasury by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society	$179.25.
Amount sent to the Treasury by Young Woman's Branch	$138.15.
Amount sent to the Treasury by Juvenile Society	------
Amount remaining in Treasury of Societies	$105.

Statistics No. 4.—**Church Membership.**

Number of Conversions	1140.
Number of Probationers admitted to full Connection	634.
Number of Members received by Certificate	26.
Number of Local Preachers and Exhorters	65.
Number of Local Deacons	16.
Number of Local Elders	7.
Number in Baptized Children's Classes	296.
Number of Persons remaining on Probation	219.
Whole number of Full Members	8820.
Increase over last year	611.
Number Withdrawn	154.
Number Expelled	14.
Number of Deaths	240.

Number of Children Baptized	264.
Number of Adults Baptized	642.

Statistics No. 5.—**Church Property.**

Number of Churches	135.
Probable Value	$181500.
Number of Parsonages	15.
Probable Value	$16,312.
Value of Other Property	$10369.
Amount paid on Mortgage Indebtedness with interest	$2535.
Amount paid on Floating Indebtedness	$4324.
Amount paid on Repairs	$6122.
Amount paid on Current Expenses	$4590.
Amount in Treasury for Building and Repairing	$2366.

Statistics No. 6.—**Support of the Ministry.**

Amount raised on Pastor's Salary	$31826.
Amount raised on Presiding Elder's Salary	$3080.
Amount raised on General Claims	$4871.50.

Statistics No. 7.—**Benevolent Collections.**

Amount raised Children's Day for Education	$464.
Amount raised Easter Day for Church Extension and Home Missions	$269.
Amount raised Missionary Day for Foreign Missions	$210.
Amount raised for Local Education $251—$500—	$700.
Amount raised for Ministerial Brotherhood	$137.
Amount raised for Publication House	$66.
Amount raised for the Poor and Charity	$3228.

Statistics No. 8.—**Special Collections.**

Amount raised for support of Annual Conference	$245.
Amount raised for support of General Conference	------
Amount raised for General Conference Delegates	------
Amount raised by Daughters of Conference	$42.
Amount raised for	----------
Amount raised for	----------

Amount raised for other purposes	$2252.
Total amount raised for all purposes	$74,072.09.
Balance in treasury for Current Expenses	$287.

Statistics No. 9.—Church Periodicals.

Number of Subcribers to the Star of Zion	81.
Number of Subscribers to the Western Star of Zion	61.
Number of Subscribers to the Quarterly Review	61.
Number of Subscribers to the Missionary Seer	61.

R. CULBRETH, Statistical Secretary.

To the Bishop and members of the 40th session of the Central North Carolina Conference, greetings:

We, your committee on Conference funds, wish to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for this session of our conference:—

General Receipts.

Percentage from General Funds	$360.00.
From Fayetteville District Conference	$25.00.

From Conference Workers.

Carthage District	$100.00.
Fayetteville District	$61.70.
Raleigh District	$61.30.

For Support of Conference From Charges.

Carthage District	$78.00.
Fayetteville District	$81.00.
Raleigh District	$80.00.

Public Collections

Wednesday, December 4th	$20.50.
Sunday collection	$175.00.
Total collections from all sources by the committee	$1042.50.

We your committee recommend the following disbursements:

To Secretaries.

Rev. H. D. Tillman Secretary	$10.00.
Rev. J. M. Gould Asst. Secretary	$8.00.
Rev. R. Culbreth Statistical Sec.	$10.00.
Bishops Private Secretary	$10.00.
Compiler and publisher	$15.00.
Total for secretaries	$53.00.

To Incidental Expense.

To conference programs	$15.00.
To printing directories	5.40.
Stationery for Conference	$2.00.
To church sexton	$10.00.
To organist	$5.00.
Light and fuel	$3.00.
Donation to church	$15.00.
Donation to pastor	$15.00.
To Miss Maud E. Hobb	$5.00.
To conference expense during year such as telegrams, stationery, stamps and correspondence	$40.00.
To Rev. J. J. Stitt for stationery	$5.00.
Total for incidental expense	$120.40.

Other Expense.

To printing of minutes for 1917 Conference	$90.00.
To Bishops traveling expense	$120.00.
To Presiding Elder C. P. S. Harrison	$35.00.
To Presiding Elder W. W. Slade	$35.00.
To Presiding Elder Peter Robinson	$35.00.
Total other expense	$315.00.

Donation To Churches.

Refund to P. E. Robinson for money taken out of General Fund during year for Mattocks Memorial Church	$409.00.

To Wagram church ..... $40.00.
Total donation to churches ..... $449.00.

Donation to Visiting Ministers and General Officers.

Bishop G. C. Clement ..... $15.00.
Dr. J. C. Dancy ..... $5.00.
Dr. J. F. Lee ..... $5.00.
Dr. H. B. Bennett ..... $5.00.
Dr. J. W. Martin ..... $5.00.
Total donation to visiting ministers and Gen'l. Officers ..... $35.00.
Grand total expenditures ..... $972.00.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures.

Grand total received from all sources ..... $1042.50.
Grand total expended for all purposes ..... $972.40.
Balance on hand ..... $70.10.

We your committee wish to report the following matter for your consideration:—

We have just been notified by the P. E. of the Fayetteville District and the pastor of Mattocks Memorial Church to the effect that there is a note now due on this church for the sum of $506.00 which must be paid on December 10th. It seems that this note is urgent and that a suit is threatened if it is not paid.

Since a suit would incur additional expense possibly of a hundred dollars or more we wish to make the following recommendation:—

1. That the balance of $70.10 stated here in this report be appropriated for the note now due on the Mattocks Memorial Church. We understand that the church has on on hand seventy-five dollars and with $70.10 donated by the conference makes a total on hand of $145.10.

2. We recommend that the balance of $380.90 necessary to make up the amount be borrowed from Bishop L. W. Kyles until the Mid-year Church Extension and

6. Locks Creek Circuit ..... Rev. A. D. Bland.

Missionary Convocation which is held in the spring.

3. We recommend further that we appoint a committee consisting of the Presiding Elders of the conference to go to Fayetteville and straighten this matter out.

Respectfully submitted,

APPOINTMENTS

Carthage District.

Rev. Peter Robinson, Presiding Elder

1. Carthage Circuit ---------- Rev. J. W. Hill.
2. Cameron Circuit ---------- Rev. W. H. Coletrane.
3. Southern Pines Circuit ---------- Rev. J. W. Marsh.
4. Pinehurst Circuit ---------- Rev. David Sawyer.
5. Aberdeen Circuit ---------- Rev. Wm. C. DeBerry.
6. Sanford Station ---------- Rev. R. Taylor.
7. Jonesboro Circuit ---------- Rev. W. G. Murphy (No. 1).
8. Chestnut Circuit ---------- Rev. W. F. McKee.
9. Narrington Circuit ---------- Rev. T. C. Marsh.
10. Lillington Circuit ---------- Rev. J. J. Stitt.
11. Robinson Chapel ---------- Rev. P. J. Jones.
12. Green Grove ---------- Rev. Geo. M. McLean.
13. Benson Mission ---------- Rev. C. W. McNeill.
14. Lake View Mission ---------- Rev. J. B. Moore.
15. Kelly's Mission ---------- Rev. A. B. Harlee.
16. Niagara Mission ---------- Rev. T. E. Terry.
17. Four Oaks Mission ---------- Rev. O. D. Lett.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Rev. J. A. Barber, Presiding Elder.

1. Evans Metropolitan Station ---------- Rev. B. J. Pratt.
2. Mattocks Memorial Station ---------- Rev. Wm. Lyons.
3. St. John Circuit ---------- Rev. T. M. Stitt.
4. Beaver Creek Circuit ---------- Rev. A. J. McDonald.
5. Flea Hill Circuit ---------- Rev. W. O. Waddell.
7. Manchester Circuit ---------- Rev. C. T. Tharrington.

8. Mt. Hebrew Circuit ____ Rev. G. W. Murphy (No. 2).
9. Dunn Circuit _____ Rev. W. H. Horton.
10. Hadley's Chapel _____ Rev. W. O. Cameron.
11. Flea Hill Mission _____ Rev. J. H. Parker.

LAURINBURG DISTRICT.

Rev. C. P. S. Harrison, D. D., Presiding Elder.

1. Laurinburg Station _____ Rev. Henry D. Tillman.
2. Matthews Chapel Circuit _____ Rev. E. V. McIver.
3. Johns Station Circuit _____ Rev. C. M. Mason.
4. Maxton Circuit _____ Rev. R. Culbreth.
5. Alma Circuit _____ Rev. S. J. Wall.
6. Red Springs Station _____ Rev. J. M. Gould.
7. Mountain Grove Circuit _____ Rev. J. Q. Johnson.
8. Bridgers Grove Circuit _____ Rev. A. E. Gordon.
9. Parkton Circuit _____ Rev. A. A. Steele.
10. Freedom Circuit _____ Rev. N. A. Alston.
11. Tar Heel Circuit _____ Rev. S. M. Stedman.
12. Parker's Grove Mission _____ Rev. J. B. Meekins.
13. Roland Mission _____ Rev. I. M. Carroll.
14. Rex Mission _____ Rev. D. W. Brooks.
15. Hasty Mission _____ Rev. Joseph Gainey.
16. Tatum Mission _____ Rev. J. H. Anderson.

RALEIGH DISTRICT.

Rev. W. W. Slade, D. D., Presiding Elder.

1. Rush Memorial Station _____ Rev. N. B. Stelly.
2. St. Mark's Station _____ ____ Rev. J. H. Paschal.
3. Selma Circuit _____ Rev. H. C. Harrison.
4. Henderson Circuit _____ Rev. E. M. Strong.
5. Holly Springs Circuit _____ Rev. W. D. Drake.
6. Franklinton Circuit _____ Rev. W. H. Hadley.
7. Oxford Circuit _____ Rev. J. Z. Siler.
8. Mitchell Circuit _____ Rev. W. W. Long.
9. Siler City Circuit _____ Rev. W. C. Mitchell.

10. Cumnock Circuit _____ Rev. C. T. Simmons.
11. Gees Grove Circuit _____ Rev. E. B. Robinson.
12. Holland Chapel Circuit _____ Rev. Geo. F. Gibson.
13. Haywood Circuit _____ Rev. A. A. Johnson.
14. St. Mary's Circuit _____ Rev. R. G. Cannady.
15. Mt. Olive Circuit _____ Rev. J. B. Watson.
16. New Hope Circuit _____ Rev. J. H. Hagans.
17. Cary and Coats Missions _____ Rev. W. H. Perry.
18. Grace Chapel Mission _____ Rev. A. T. McNeill.